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	1,583,271	05-04-1926	Biro			
	1,625,602	04-19-1927	Gould et al.			
	1,867,624	07-1932	Hoffman			
	2,201,610	05-1940	Dawson			
	2,240,330	04-29-1941	Flagg et al.			
	2,256,382	09-16-1941	Dole			
	2,264,679	12-02-1941	Ravel			
	2,430,293	11-1947	Howells			
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	2,505,358	04-1950	Gusberg, et al			
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	2,890,519	06-16-1959	Storz, Jr.			
	2,940,452	06-14-1960	Smialowski			
	3,055,689	09-1962	Jorgensen, Clarence			
	3,057,355	10-09-1962	Smialowski			
	3,082,426	03-1963	Miles			
	3,802,438	03-1963	Miles			
	3,143,742	08-1964	Cromie Harry W.			
	3,150,379	09-1964	Brown			
	3,180,337	04-27-1965	Smialowski			
	3,249,104	05-03-1966	Hohnstein			
	3,274,658	09-27-1966	Pile			
	3,452,742	07-01-1969	Muller			
	3,506,012	04-14-1970	Brown			
	3,509,882	05-05-1970	Blake			
	3,547,103	12-15-1970	Cook			

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	3,656,185	04-1972	Carpentier			
	3,753,438	08-21-1973	Wood et al.			
	3,776,237	12-1973	Hill, et al			
	3,802,438	04-1974	Wolvek			
	3,825,009	07-23-1974	Williams			
	3,837,345	09-1974	Matar			
	3,874,388	04-1975	King et al.			
	3,875,648	04-08-1975	Bone			
	3,905,403	09-1975	Smith et al.			
	3,908,662	09-30-1975	Razqulov et al			
	3,910,281	10-07-1975	Kletschka et al.			
	3,958,576	05-25-1976	Komiya			
	3,976,079	08-24-1976	Samuels			
	4,006,747	02-1977	Kronenthal et al.			
	4,018,228	04-1977	Goosen			
	4,038,725	08-02-1977	Keefe			
	4,042,979	08-1977	Angell			
	4,103,690	08-01-1978	Harris			
	4,111,206	09-1978	Vishnevsky et al.			
	4,129,059	12-1978	Van Eck			
	4,140,125	02-20-1979	Smith			
	4,170,990	10-16-1979	Baumgart et al.			
	4,185,636	01-1980	Gabbay et al.			
	4,192,315	03-11-1980	Hilzinger et al.			
	4,214,587	07-29-1980	Sakura			
	4,217,902	08-19-1980	March			
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	4,324,248	04-13-1982	Perlin			
	4,345,601	08-24-1982	Fukuda			

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	4,366,819	01-04-1983	Kaster			
	4,396,139	08-1983	Hall et al.			
	4,416,266	11-22-1983	Baucom			
	4,456,017	06-26-1984	Miles			
	4,465,071	08-1984	Samuels et al.			
	4,470,415	09-11-1984	Wozniak			
	4,470,533	09-1984	Schuler			
	4,474,181	10-02-1984	Schenck			
	4,485,816	12-04-1984	Krumme			
	4,492,229	01-1985	Grunwald			
	4,522,207	06-11-1985	Kleiman et al.			
	4,523,592	06-18-1985	Daniel			
	4,532,927	08-1985	Miksha			
	4,535,764	08-20-1985	Ebert			
	4,549,545	10-29-1985	Levy			
	4,553,542	11-19-1985	Schenck et al.			
	4,576,605	03-1986	Kaidash et al.			
	4,586,502	05-06-1986	Bedi et al.			
	4,586,503	05-06-1986	Kirsch et al.			
	4,593,693	06-10-1986	Schenck			
	4,595,007	06-17-1986	Mericle			
	4,612,932	09-23-1986	Caspar et al.			
	4,622,970	11-18-1986	Wozniak			
	4,624,255	11-25-1986	Schenck et al.			
	4,637,380	10-20-1987	Orejola			
	4,641,652	02-1987	Hutterer et al.			
	4,665,906	05-19-1987	Jervis			
	4,665,917	05-1987	Clanton et al.			
	4,683,895	08-04-1987	Pohndorf			
	4,706,362	11-1987	Strausburg, Larry D.			
	4,719,917	01-1988	Barrows et al.			

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		4,732,151	03-1998	Jones	
		4,809,695	03-07-1989	Gwathmey et al.	
		4,820,298	04-1989	Leveen et al.	
		4,844,318	07-1989	Kunreuther, Steven	
		4,873,975	10-17-1989	Walsh et al.	
		4,890,615	01-02-1990	Caspari et al.	
		4,896,668	01-30-1990	Popoff et al.	
		4,899,744	02-13-1990	Fujitsuka et al.	
		4,901,721	02-20-1990	Hakki	
		4,923,461	05-1990	Caspari et al.	
		4,924,866	05-15-1990	Yoon	
		4,926,860	05-22-1990	Stice et al.	
		4,929,240	05-29-1990	Kirsch et al.	
		4,930,674	06-05-1990	Barak	
		4,932,955	06-12-1990	Merz et al.	
		4,950,283	08-21-1990	Dzubow et al.	
		4,950,285	08-21-1990	Wilk	
		4,957,498	09-1990	Caspari et al.	
		4,983,176	01-08-1991	Cushman et al.	
		4,990,152	02-05-1991	Yoon	
		4,994,069	02-19-1991	Ritchart et al.	
		4,997,439	03-05-1991	Chen	
		5,002,550	03-26-1991	Li	
		5,002,562	03-26-1991	Oberlander	
		5,002,563	03-26-1991	Pyka et al.	
		5,007,920	04-1991	Torre	
		5,011,481	04-1991	Myers et al.	
		5,020,713	06-1991	Kunreuther, Steven	
		5,026,379	06-25-1991	Yoon	
		5,032,127	07-1991	Frazee et al.	

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	5,035,702	07-1991	Taheri			
	5,042,707	08-1991	Taheri			
	5,047,047	09-10-1991	Yoon			
	5,053,047	10-01-1991	Yoon			
	5,064,431	11-1991	Gilbertson et al.			
	5,074,874	12-24-1991	Yoon, Inbae et al.			
	5,100,418	03-31-1992	Yoon			
	5,100,421	03-1992	Christoudias			
	5,104,407	04-1992	Lam et al.			
	5,119,983	06-1992	Green, et al			
	5,123,913	06-23-1992	Wilk et al.			
	5,127,413	07-1992	Ebert			
	5,129,913	07-1992	Ruppert			
	5,152,769	10-06-1992	Baber			
	5,154,189	10-13-1992	Oberlander			
	5,158,566	10-27-1992	Pianetti			
	5,171,250	12-15-1992	Yoon			
	5,171,252	12-15-1992	Friedland			
	5,174,087	12-29-1992	Bruno			
	5,178,634	01-1993	Ramos Martinez			
	5,192,294	03-1993	Blake			
	5,196,022	03-23-1993	Bilweis			
	5,201,880	04-1993	Wright et al.			
	5,207,694	05-1993	Broome			
	5,217,027	06-1993	Hermens			
	5,219,358	06-15-1993	Bendel et al.			
	5,221,259	06-1993	Weldon, et al			
	5,222,961	05-1993	Nakao et al.			
	5,222,976	06-29-1993	Yoon			
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		5,246,443	09-21-993	Mai			
		5,250,053	10-1993	Snyder			
		5,258,011	11-02-1993	Drews			
		5,261,917	11-1993	Hasson et al.			
		5,269,783	12-14-1993	Sander			
		5,269,809	12-1993	Hayhurst et al.			
		5,282,825	02-1994	Muck et al.			
		5,290,289	03-01-1994	Sanders et al.			
		5,304,117	04-19-1994	Wilk			
		5,304,204	04-19-1994	Bregen			
		5,306,296	04-1994	Wright et al.			
		5,312,436	05-17-1994	Coffey et al.			
		5,314,468	05-1994	Ramos Martinez			
		5,330,503	07-19-1994	Yoon			
		5,336,233	08-09-1994	Chen			
		5,336,239	08-09-1994	Gimpelson			
		5,346,459	09-1994	Allen			
		5,350,420	09-1994	Cosgrove et al.			
		5,353,804	10-1994	Kornberg, et al			
		5,355,897	10-1994	Pietrafitta, et al			
		5,356,424	10-18-1994	Buzerak et al.			
		5,366,459	11-1994	Yoon			
		5,366,462	11-22-1994	Kaster et al			
		5,366,479	11-1994	McGarry et al.			
		5,374,268	12-20-1994	Sander			
		5,382,259	01-1995	Phelps et al.			
		5,383,904	01-24-1995	Totakura et al.			
		5,403,331	04-1995	Chesterfield			
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	5,437,680	08-01-1995	Yoon			
	5,437,681	08-1995	Meade et al.			
	5,437,685	08-01-1995	Blasnik			
	5,439,479	08-08-1995	Schichman et al.			
	5,445,167	08-29-1995	Yoon et al.			
	5,445,644	08-1995	Pietrafitta, et al			
	5,450,860	09-19-1995	O'Connor			
	5,452,733	09-26-1995	Sterman et al.			
	5,454,834	10-1995	Boebel et al.			
	5,456,246	10-10-1995	Schmiedling et al.			
	5,462,561	10-31-1995	Voda			
	5,474,557	12-12-1995	Mai			
	5,480,405	01-02-1996	Yoon			
	5,486,187	01-23-1996	Schenck			
	5,486,197	01-23-1996	Le et al.			
	5,488,958	02-1996	Topel, et al			
	5,496,334	03-1996	Klundt et al.			
	5,499,990	03-19-1996	Schulken et al.			
	5,500,000	03-19-1996	Feagin et al.			
	5,527,342	06-18-1996	Pietrzak et al.			
	5,533,236	07-1996	Tseng, Liang-Chuan			
	5,538,509	07-1996	Dunlap, et al			
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	5,549,619	08-27-1996	Peters et al.			
	5,552,884	06-1996	Wright			
	5,556,411	09-1996	Taoda, et al			
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	5,571,175	11-1996	Vanney et al.			
	5,582,616	12-10-1996	Bolduc et al.			
	5,582,619	12-10-1996	Ken			
	5,584,879	12-1996	Reimold et al.			
	5,586,983	12-24-1996	Sanders et al.			
	5,591,179	01-07-1997	Edelstein			
	5,593,414	01-14-1997	Shipp et al.			
	5,593,424	01-14-1997	Northrup, III			
	5,597,378	01-1997	Jervis			
	5,601,571	02-1997	Moss, Gerald			
	5,601,572	02-11-1997	Middleman et al.			
	5,601,600	02-1997	Ton, Dai			
	5,603,718	02-1997	Xu			
	5,609,608	03-11-1997	Bennett et al.			
	5,628,757	05-1997	Hasson			
	5,630,540	05-1997	Blewett			
	5,632,752	05-27-1997	Buelna			
	5,632,753	05-27-1997	Loeser			
	5,643,295	07-01-1997	Yoon			
	5,643,305	07-1997	Al-Tameem			
	5,645,568	07-08-1997	Chervitz et al.			
	5,653,718	08-1997	Yoon			
	5,658,312	08-1997	Green et al.			
	5,660,186	08-1997	Bachir			
	5,665,109	09-09-1997	Yoon			
	5,669,918	09-1997	Balazs, et al			
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	5,697,943	12-16-1997	Sauer et al.			
	5,700,270	12-23-1997	Peyser et al.			
	5,700,271	12-23-1997	Whitfield et al.			
	5,702,412	12-1997	Popov, et al			
	5,707,362	01-13-1998	Yoon			
	5,707,380	01-13-1998	Hinchliffe et al.			
	5,709,693	01-20-1998	Taylor			
	5,709,695	01-20-1998	Northrup, III			
	5,715,987	02-1998	Kelley et al.			
	5,720,755	02-24-1998	Dakov			
	5,725,539	03-10-1998	Matern			
	5,725,542	03-10-1998	Yoon			
	5,728,135	03-17-1998	Bregen et al.			
	5,732,872	03-31-1998	Bolduc et al.			
	5,735,290	04-07-1998	Sterman et al.			
	5,755,778	05-1998	Kleshinski			
	5,766,189	06-1998	Matsumo			
	5,769,870	06-1998	Salahich, et al			
	5,779,718	07-1998	Green et al.			
	5,782,397	07-1998	Koukline			
	5,782,844	07-1998	Yoon et al.			
	5,797,920	08-1998	Kim			
	5,797,933	08-1998	Snow, et al			
	5,797,934	08-1998	Rygaard			
	5,797,960	08-1998	Stevens et al.			
	5,799,661	09-01-1998	Boyd et al.			
	5,799,857	09-1998	Robertson, et al			
	5,810,848	09-1998	Hayhurst, John O.			
	5,810,851	09-22-1998	Yoon			

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		5,820,631	10-13-1998	Nobles			
		5,824,002	10-1998	Gentelia, et al			
		5,824,008	10-20-1998	Bolduc et al.			
		5,827,265	10-1998	Glinsky, et al			
		5,827,316	10-27-1998	Young et al.			
		5,830,221	11-03-1998	Stein et al.			
		5,830,222	11-1998	Makower			
		5,833,698	11-10-1998	Hinchliffe			
		5,849,019	12-15-1998	Yoon			
		5,851,216	12-1998	Allen			
		5,855,614	01-1999	Stevens et al.			
		5,868,702	02-1999	Stevens, et al			
		5,868,763	02-09-1999	Spence et al.			
		5,871,528	02-1999	Camps et al.			
		5,879,371	03-09-1999	Gardiner et al.			
		5,881,943	03-1999	Heck, et al			
		5,882,340	03-1999	Yoon			
		5,891,130	04-06-1999	Palermo et al.			
		5,891,160	04-06-1999	Williamson, IV et al			
		5,893,369	04-1999	LeMole			
		5,893,865	04-1999	Swindle, et al			
		5,893,886	04-1999	Zegdi et al.			
		5,895,394	04-20-1999	Kienzle et al.			
		5,904,697	05-1999	Gifford, III, et al			
		5,908,428	06-1999	Scirica et al.			
		5,911,352	06-1999	Racenet et al.			
		5,919,207	07-1999	Taheri			
		5,931,842	08-03-1999	Goldsteen et al.			
		5,941,434	08-24-1999	Green			

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